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AMENDMENT

To Whom It May Concern:

In response to the Office Action of June 19, 2006, the shortened statutory period for response to which ends after September 19, 2006, Applicants request that the above-identified application be amended under 37 CFR § 1.116 as follows:

Amendments to the Specification are shown on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the list of claims that begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 10 of this paper.

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph at lines 2-9 of page 2 with the following replacement paragraph:

This application is a continuation of U.S. Patent Application No. 09/746,960, filed 12/21/00 (now U.S. Patent No. 6,835,898), which is a divisional of U.S. Patent Application No. 08/452,255, filed 9/26/95 (now U.S. Patent No. 6,336,269), which is a continuation-in-part of commonly-owned, copending U.S. Patent Application No. 08/340,144, filed 11/15/94 (now U.S. Patent No. 5,917,707) (and its counterpart PCT Patent Application No. PCT/US94/13373, filed 11/16/94 (collectively, the ~~US and PCT parent cases are~~ (referred to hereinafter as "CASE-2"), both of which is ~~is~~ ~~are~~ ~~are~~ a continuation-in-part of commonly-owned, copending U.S. Patent Application No. 08/152,812, filed 11/16/93 (now U.S. Patent No. 5,476,211; referred to hereinafter as "CASE-1").